

Pittsfield PTO Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:01 PM by Lindsey Wolfe

Present

Lindsey Wolfe, Teresa Maldonado, Jill Priestley, Anthony Lauer, Carol Shakarian, Aaron Kraft, Kerry Meggison, Justina Meyer, Kathryn Loomis, Carolyn Holland, Fran Steele, Peri Stone-Palmquist, Beth Morgan, Jen Duman, Karen Hulsebus, JoAnn Parkus, Liz Grawel, Dave Grawel, Anne Wizauer, Kori Kasara, Beth Morgan

Introductions

Special Presentation: Cyber Safety

Dylan Kite, Washtenaw Area Council for Children

- Stop. Think. Connect.
- The social media spectrum for parents and children is different
 - Children more likely to use Snap Chat, Instagram, Twitter
- Risks
 - Younger children need to be educated on content, password security, netiquette, pop-ups, and boundaries with online friends
 - Tweens/teens face cyberbullying, requests to meet offline, posting of inappropriate content, sexting, need to cultivate a healthy level of skepticism
- Cyberbullying : using technology to bully others
 - 1:4 middle school students report receiving a malicious or threatening message
 - Impacts feelings of safety, happiness and self-esteem
- Keeping your child safe
 - End communication with bullies
 - Take measures to prevent it
 - Teach your children not to be bystanders (ok2say reporting mechanism – hotline, website, text, app)
- Sexting: use of text message to send explicit sexual material
 - 25% of teens have sent a sext
 - 20% of 16 year olds have received a sext
 - 68% of teenage girls have been solicited to send a sext
 - Social effects include use as blackmail, distribution to others, discipline from school
 - Criminal consequences include sex offender registry, criminal charges carrying 4-20 years of incarceration
 - Steps to address sexting
 - Talk about consequences
 - Never forward
 - Discuss healthy relationships
 - Talk about how images spread online
 - Report it
- Online predators
 - 99% are males who may or may not lie about their age
 - Target boys and girls
 - Many want to meet face-to-face
 - Know the warning signs (requests to meet up, offering gifts)
 - Groom victims by exploiting natural curiosity, introducing inappropriate content, use of status as an adult or gifts to establish control
- Establish defensive strategies
 - Talk about appropriate relationships

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- Set a policy about meeting offline
- Teach children the warning signs of a predator
- Protect your personal information (hacking, ID theft, scams)
 - Establish rules about what should be shared
 - Activate privacy options
 - Create strong passwords
 - Discuss friend lists and who to friend
 - Beware of geo-tagging on pictures and posts (location services)
- Establishing a digital reputation
 - 92% of employers use social media to screen new hires
 - 70% of US recruiters would reject a candidate based on online content
 - 85% of recruiters say positive content can impact an employment decision
- Posting guidelines
 - Avoid inappropriate content, illegal behavior, offensive language and behavior, drinking, drug use, hate speech
 - Establish expectations and set consequences
 - Parents should review comments and pictures
 - Be aware of what friends are posting
- Technology cannot catch everything, communication is vital
 - Elementary students
 - Federal social media restrictions for children under 13
 - Turn on safe searches
 - Create passwords for apps with your child
 - Beware of inappropriate website exposures
 - Instruct about secure site vs. pop-up
 - Pay attention to ESRB ratings
 - Seek out community resources for educating parents
 - <http://www.washtenawchildren.org/>
 - Wiredsafety.org
 - Wiredkids.org
 - Cyberbullying.ca
 - Netsmartz.org
 - Stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov

Principal's Report

Carol Shakarian

- Bullying/Cyberbullying policy in the Ann Arbor Public Schools Rights and Responsibilities Handbook (page 10) for definitions, actions and consequences
- School device access to internet different than personal device access (3G/4G)
 - Web connection is filtered for inappropriate material
 - Student accounts are restricted
 - iPads have no social media apps or personally identifying information
 - Class Dojo and See Saw are teacher controlled classroom apps
- Climate survey is out to parents on March 28, paper copies are available in the office
 - Approximately 30% response rate last year
 - Students in grades 3-5 participating in survey
- Playground committee has added two parent members, no new action to report
- Crossing assessment for safe walking, safe routes to school
 - Attempt to address cars in the crosswalk and speeding
 - AAPS in conjunction with law enforcement
- Indoor recess update
 - Videos have been ended in favor of reading or drawing
 - Met with Lindsey to collaborate on additional plan
 - Biggest resource needed is people, staff volunteers have stepped up for certain days and shifts

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- Working to provide multiple location options on any given indoor recess day

President's Report

Lindsey Wolfe

- Thank you to the parents and all the student tour guides for their help during Kindergarten Round-Up!
- Additional Lunch Recess Update
 - Giant thank you to the staff who have signed up to assist with the new model for indoor recess

Approve Consent Agenda

- Motion to approve by Aaron Kraft and seconded by Jen Duman
- Motion passes with all in favor

Treasurer's Report

Anthony Lauer

- Total assets of \$27,640 total liabilities of \$4,773, net assets of \$24,885
- Incoming funds from Movie Night (\$70), Winter Dance (\$157), PTO Thrift (\$1399 including raffle proceeds), Box Tops (\$395), Kroger (\$140)
- Kroger rewards account no longer needs to be renewed annual for Pittsfield (just the initial designation is required)
- Outgoing funds to NAAPID (\$279), Childcare for Kindergarten Round Up (\$70), Disability Workshop (\$675), Zoo Trip (\$645)
- Most current liabilities are related to unclaimed teacher grant funds

PTOC Report

Anthony Lauer

- Steve Norton discussed the inequities between schools within AAPS and the correlation between rates of free and reduced lunch and test scores
- Ideas for increasing participation and removing barriers for parents and students
 - Provide access to transportation, taxis/rides to events and meetings, gas cards
 - Broadcast meetings, maybe Facebook Live
 - Supply of nutritional snacks in the office
 - School supplies at the beginning of the year
 - Paying off lunch debt balances
 - Provide summer camp weeks through Rec & Ed
 - Paying off library debts
- PTO Thrift revenue is down (sales down 30%), may not be able to support transportation fund which impacts field trip busing
- May 2 is Sinking Fund Millage vote
 - 1% current requesting an increase to 2.5%
 - Information in AAPS website <http://a2schools.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=11683>
 - Average building age for schools is 70 years
 - Growth is anticipated
 - PTOC is asking AAPS PTOs to endorse the millage
 - Lindsey Wolfe motions for Pittsfield PTO to support the proposed AAPS millage increase
 - Katie Loomis seconds the motion
 - Motion passes with six noted abstentions

Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm